

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notices

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing applications for the following project for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision. You may submit comments in writing on any of these projects to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Attention: 401 Coordinator

Project Applicant	Joddi Leipner – County of Santa Barbara Resource Recovery and Waste Management
Applicant's Agent	John Shih – EcoSystems Restoration Associates
Project Name	Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project
Receiving Water	Canada de la Pila Creek
City/County	Unincorporated area of Santa Barbara/ Santa Barbara
Public Notice	May 5, 2009 – May 26, 2009
Project Description	The purpose of this project is to continue to provide the permitted solid waste disposal capacity (23.3 million cubic yards) at the Tajiguas Landfill for southern Santa Barbara County, Santa Ynez and Cuyama Valleys in a cost effective manner while meeting or exceeding all regulatory requirements, including sediment control.

The project at the Tajiguas Landfill includes the placement of low permeability fill within two man-made in-channel sedimentation basins within Pila Creek, the reconfiguration of the landfill waste footprint across the basins, and drainage modifications upstream of the reconfigured waste footprint to capture and convey drainage around the reconfigured waste footprint.

To mitigate for impacts to Pila Creek at the Tajiguas Landfill the County proposes improving biologic resources of Baron Ranch, which includes restoration of habitat along Arroyo Quemado (new native plantings, removal of invasive plants, removal of an existing low water crossing, and removal of a check structure), and comprehensive relocation and habitat enhancement for the red legged-legged frog on Baron Ranch. Mitigation will also include monitoring and reporting of project activities.

The County of Santa Barbara approved a Subsequent Environmental Impact report for the project on May 5, 2009 (SCH# 2008021052).

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